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In re application of: William Franklin Harris

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For: SUSPENSIONS OF WATER SOLUBLE
POLYMERS IN SURFACTANT FREE
NON-AQUEOUS SOLVENTS

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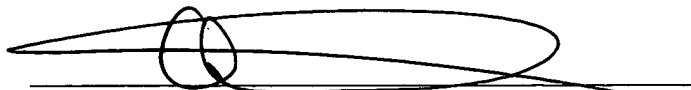
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